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Director of Training

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Student Critique of Special Course for O/SI Personnel

1. Students were pleased with the manner in which they were handled, i.e., as mature men, and expressed hope that future classes would be similarly treated.

2. In general, they felt that the training course was too short, and specifically felt that more time should be spent on the following:

- a. Area studies, esp. geography. Felt that there should be more time for reports by students on their special area studies. Liked [REDACTED] and hoped more such instructors would be available.
- b. Interrogation. Felt that the formal instruction presented by TRC was good. Felt that more time should be spent on student drill in interrogation. Wanted more reading (which is difficult to find). Liked instruction by [REDACTED] on psychology of interrogation.

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Felt that probably six weeks would be better than four.

3. Students felt that the instruction in report writing was not too closely related to their future needs, i.e., to write reports of interrogation on scientific subjects. These old dogs felt further that they were too old to be taught good English.

It was felt that perhaps the best way to cover this subject would be by a couple of hours of general instruction, followed up by study of sample reports, and submission of reports on practice interrogation.

4. Guest lecturers were not properly briefed on the students -- who they were, whether they were cleared, etc.

5. Reaction of instructors to students. It was a pleasure to deal with this mature and courteous group.

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They were not well briefed initially as to mission, security and other matters.

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6. [REDACTED] should be congratulated for his thorough and effective work.

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